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FOR UNDER SECRETARY CARLYLE MAW

FROM LOSDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: COMMITTEE I PACKAGE NEGOTIATION

1. IN SCATHING ATTACK ON PERU, BRAZIL AND CHILE IN THE
LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, MEXICO THIS AFTERNOON ANNOUNCED
TOTAL OPPOSITION TO EMERGING C-I PACKAGE SETTLEMENT
AND CHARACTERIZED PACKAGE AS A "SELL-OUT" TO THE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. NEGOTIATING DYNAMICS ARE SUCH THAT IF MEXICO
MAKES SIMILAR STATEMENTS IN GP OF 77 MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW MORNING 10:30 FOR THE PURPOSE
OF REVIEWING C-I PACKAGE, A FAIR CHANCE EXISTS THAT
MEXICO, VIEWED AS A MODERATE BY MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
WILL BE ALLIED WITH ALGERIA AND TOGETHER THEY CAN CAUSE
THE GP OF 77 TO REJECT THE C-I PACKAGE. THERE IS HIGH
RISK THAT THIS WOULD DESTROY CHANCES FOR EVER
CONCLUDING A LAW OF THE SEA TREATY.

3. AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA, HEAD OF MEXICAN DELEGATION IS
NOW IN MEXICO CITY.

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4. THIS DEL RECOMMENDS THAT A MESSAGE BE SENT IMMEDIATE

TONIGHT FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE MEXICAN FONMIN
INDICATING THAT THE SECRETARY VIEWS WITH ALARM MEXICO'S
ATTACK ON THE C-I PACKAGE IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GP
TODAY AND REQUESTS THAT MEXICO TAKE NO ACTION TO IMPAIR
THE CHANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TEXT BY THE GP-77.

5. FYI: MEXICO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL MEETINGS OF
THE SECRET NEGOTIATING GROUP AND
AS LATE AS OUR MEETING THIS MORNING, WAS INDICATING
THAT IT WOULD NOT PUBLICLY OPPOSE ARTICLES ON WHICH
IT HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS IN THE SECRET
GROUP. WHILE MEXICANS HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME BEEN
DIFFICULT IN THE SECRET GROUP, THEY HAVE ONLY RESERVED
THEIR POSITION ON ONE OR TWO ITEMS, AND ACCORDINGLY,
THEIR STRONG OBJECTIONS TO THE PACKAGE CAN ONLY BE SEEN
AS A POLITICAL DECISION AFTER THE FACT. END FYI.

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